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REMARKS

This Second Preliminary Amendment submits the above-identified changes for examination, and is further responsive in any manner indicated below.

PENDING CLAIMS

Original Claims 2-16 were canceled (without prejudice or disclaimer) and original Claim 1 retained in the First Preliminary Amendment filed with the present application on 30 March 2004. Original Claim 1 is canceled herein (without prejudice or disclaimer), and Applicant respectfully now submits new Claims 17-46 in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's invention. That is, all such new claims are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply clarified claims in which Applicant is presently interested. For example, in Claims 17-33, the use of a software configuration "module" is claimed. As a further example, Claims 33-46 are directed to a lump sum transmission, the amount of which is specified by an external device. All such limitations/features are supported in the specification, Abstract and drawings as originally filed, and no new matter is presented.

At entry of this paper, Claims 17-46 are pending for consideration and examination in the present application.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number of 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendment or any other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.


RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Further, Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, *i.e.*, Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

CONCLUSION

This Second Preliminary Amendment is being submitted prior to a first Action on the merits, and is therefore timely. Attached is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the additional claims fee. Please charge any actual deficiency in the attendant fees to ATSK Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 566.35562CX3).

Respectfully submitted,



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